

House Study Bill 91 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to community catalyst building remediation
2 grants for emergency projects.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 15.231, subsection 2, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. The authority shall use moneys in the fund to
4 provide grants to cities for the remediation of underutilized
5 buildings. The authority may provide grants under this
6 section using a competitive scoring process. Notwithstanding
7 subsection 3, an emergency project shall be eligible for a
8 grant under this section.

9 b. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
10 requires:

11 (1) "Emergency project" means remediation of an
12 underutilized building that may present a unique and immediate
13 opportunity, or a unique and immediate threat.

14 (2) "Unique and immediate opportunity" means remediation of
15 an underutilized building is time-sensitive and remediation is
16 reasonably expected to result in economic growth for the city
17 in which the underutilized building is located.

18 (3) "Unique and immediate threat" means remediation of an
19 underutilized building may involve an unforeseen challenge or
20 problem that has the potential to result in a catastrophic
21 failure of the building's integrity and structural system.
22 An unforeseen challenge or problem may include an act of
23 nature such as a fire, flood, or storm, or an unexpected
24 structural deficiency such as a compromised load-bearing
25 wall. A challenge or problem caused by deferred maintenance
26 on the underutilized building does not qualify as a unique and
27 immediate threat.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 Under the community catalyst building remediation
32 program, this bill allows an emergency project to be eligible
33 for a grant. "Emergency project" is a remediation of an
34 underutilized building that may present a unique and immediate
35 opportunity, or a unique and immediate threat. A unique and

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1 immediate opportunity is time-sensitive and remediation is
2 expected to result in economic growth. A unique and immediate
3 threat is a remediation that may involve unforeseen challenges
4 or problems.